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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: ENGAGE GOI ON POST-MNF-I
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNAMI

REF: USUN 000438

Classified By: NEA DAS Lawrence Butler for Reasons 1.4 (a),
(b), and (d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

¶2. (C/REL MCF-I, UN, IZ) UNSCR 1546 (2004), which set out the mandate for Multi-National Force-Iraq, most recently renewed by UNSCR 1790 (2007), noted the decision to create a "distinct entity" under unified command of MNF-I, with a dedicated mission to provide security for the UN presence in Iraq. This was described in the letter from Secretary Powell, annexed to UNSCR 1546, and in a December 8, 2005 Agreement between the U.S. and the UN concerning the establishment of security for UNAMI. As a practical matter, MNF-I forces that constitute this distinct entity currently provide middle and outer ring security, and during ground movements, commensurate convoy security, quick reaction force, and aero-medevac response for the UNAMI international staff. If the Chapter VII mandate of MNF-I expires on December 31, 2008, the mission of this distinct entity could expire as well.

¶3. (C/REL MCF-I, UN, IZ) Per reftel, Embassy Baghdad is requested to initiate discussions with MNF-I and UNAMI on follow-on security arrangements for UNAMI, and then approach jointly the GOI to solicit its views. Participation by Coalition partners is left to the discretion of the Embassy.

¶4. (C/REL AS, UK, CA) Post is requested to report on the discussions described in paragraph 3. IO/UNP POC Bridget Lines can be reached at LinesBM@state.sgov.gov or 202-647-7142.

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